

QRPworks Product Comparison

| | SideKar™ | SideKar Plus™ | KBoard™ | Key Log Go™ | Ham Central Terminal™ |
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| General | | | | | |
| Display size | 40 characters | 80 characters | Not applicable | 80 characters | 80 characters |
| Sunlight readable display | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Backlight color | Amber | Yellow/Green | | Green | Green |
| Backlight brightness levels | 5 | 7 | | 5 | 5 |
| Keyboard | USB | USB | USB | PS2 | PS2 |
| Wireless Keyboard (2.4 Ghz) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Edit & Log without a keyboard | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Commands via pushbuttons | 2 – user defined | 2 – user defined | | 4 | 2 |
| Power source | External 8-15 volts | External 8-15 volts | External 8-15 volts | Internal 9V battery or external 8-15 volts | Internal 9V battery or external 8-15 volts |
| Mounting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attaches to right side of KX3 • Attaches to the top of the KX2 • Sits on a surface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attaches to right side of KX3 • Attaches to the top of the KX2 • Sits on a surface | Sits on a surface | Swing out legs | Swing out legs |
| Weight | 5.4 oz (153 gr) | 9.0 oz (255 gr) | 3.4 oz (96 gr) | 13 oz (368 gr) | 12 oz (340 gr) |
| Size | 3.6 x 1.5 x 2" 92 x 38 x 51 mm | 4.3 x 1.8 x 2.9" 110 x 47 x 75 mm | 3.6 x 1.3 x 3.0" 92 x 25 x 48 mm | 5.6 x 1.75 x 3.25" 143 x 44 x 83 mm | 5.6 x 1.75 x 3.25" 143 x 44 x 83 mm |
| Rig Control | | | | | |
| Rig Interface | KX2 or KX3 or K3/K3S | KX2 or KX3 or K3/K3S | KX2 or KX3 or K3/K3S | KX2, KX3, K3/K3S FT-817, FT-857, FT-897 | KX2 or KX3 or K3/K3S |
| Quick QSY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rig macros | 20 (shared with messages) | 20 (shared with messages) | 10 groups of 20 (200 total...shared with messages) | Elecraft rigs: 20 (shared with messages) | 10 |

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| Transmitting | | | | | |
| Send PSK31 via keyboard | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ to KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S | ✓ |
| Send RTTY via keyboard | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ to KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S | ✓ |
| Send CW via keyboard | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Built in Keyer | | | | ✓ WinKeyer | |
| Keyer Features | | | | Can run from keyboard or standalone WinKeyer. Speed pot. | |
| Send CW (messages, keyboard) to ANY rig | | | | ✓ | |
| View characters sent | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ (On KX2/KX3/K3/K3S) | ✓ | |
| Code practice mode | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Message Buffers | 20 messages or rig macros, 80 characters each | 20 messages or rig macros, 80 characters each | 200 messages or rig macros, 80 characters each | 10 Messages, 10 rig macros, 80 characters each | 10 Messages, 10 rig macros, 80 characters each |
| Message Management Utility Interface | Yes, download a group of 20 messages | Yes, download a group of 20 messages | Yes, download one or all 10 groups of 20 messages (200 messages total) | | |
| Grab & Go™ call capture & Message function | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Capture Call for use in messages | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Capture Call for use in log | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Transmit Buffer (allows backspacing & corrections) | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Call insertion in messages | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Call insertion in log | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |

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| Serial number insertion in messages | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Receiving | | | | | |
| Show decoded PSK31, RTTY, CW | with KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S | with KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S | | with KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S | with KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S |
| Freeze display | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Scroll Back display | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Scroll Back size | 200 characters | 200 characters | | 400 characters | 400 characters |
| Logging | | | | | |
| Log capacity (# QSOs) | 1000 | 1000 | Not applicable | 1000 | 1000 |
| SOTA logging | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| County Hunter logging | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Other event logging | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Real-time clock | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Auto fill date & time | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Auto fill freq & mode | with KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S | with KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S | | with KX2, KX3, K3/K3S or FT-817, 857, 897 | with KX2, KX3 or K3/K3S |
| ADIF Export to PC or MAC | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Contest Features | | | | | |
| Grab & Go™ call capture & Message function | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Call insertion in messages | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Call insertion in log | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Serial number insertion in messages | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Auto increment serial number | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |